

Claims

1. A method of screening for therapeutic agents useful in the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular
5 diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of
 - i) contacting a test compound with a KLK5 polypeptide,
 - 10 ii) detect binding of said test compound to said KLK5 polypeptide.
2. A method of screening for therapeutic agents useful in the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular
15 diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of
 - i) determining the activity of a KLK5 polypeptide at a certain concentration of a test
compound or in the absence of said test compound,
 - 20 ii) determining the activity of said polypeptide at a different concentration of said test
compound.
3. A method of screening for therapeutic agents useful in the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular
25 diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of
 - i) determining the activity of a KLK5 polypeptide at a certain concentration of a test
compound,
 - 30 ii) determining the activity of a KLK5 polypeptide at the presence of a compound
known to be a regulator of a KLK5 polypeptide.

4. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the step of contacting is in or at the surface of a cell.
5. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cell is in vitro.
6. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the step of contacting is in a cell-free system.
- 5 7. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polypeptide is coupled to a detectable label.
8. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the compound is coupled to a detectable label.
9. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the test compound displaces a ligand which is first bound to the polypeptide.
- 10 10. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the polypeptide is attached to a solid support.
11. The method of any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the compound is attached to a solid support.
12. A method of screening for therapeutic agents useful in the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of
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 - i) contacting a test compound with a KLK5 polynucleotide,
 - ii) detect binding of said test compound to said KLK5 polynucleotide.
- 20 13. The method of claim 12 wherein the nucleic acid molecule is RNA.
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the contacting step is in or at the surface of a cell.
15. The method of claim 12 wherein the contacting step is in a cell-free system.
16. The method of claim 12 wherein polynucleotide is coupled to a detectable label.
17. The method of claim 12 wherein the test compound is coupled to a detectable label.
- 25 18. A method of diagnosing a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic

diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of

- 5 i) determining the amount of a KLK5 polynucleotide in a sample taken from said mammal,
- ii) determining the amount of KLK5 polynucleotide in healthy and/or diseased mammals.
19. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological
10 diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising a therapeutic agent which binds to a KLK5 polypeptide.
20. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of
15 diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising a therapeutic agent which regulates the activity of a KLK5 polypeptide.
- 20 21. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological
 diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising a therapeutic agent which regulates the
25 activity of a KLK5 polypeptide, wherein said therapeutic agent is
 - i) a small molecule,
 - ii) an RNA molecule,
 - iii) an antisense oligonucleotide,
 - iv) a polypeptide,
 - 30 v) an antibody, or

vi) a ribozyme.

22. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising a KLK5 polynucleotide.
23. A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising a KLK5 polypeptide.
24. Use of regulators of a KLK5 for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal.
25. Method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition useful for the treatment of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal comprising the steps of
- i) identifying a regulator of KLK5,
 - ii) determining whether said regulator ameliorates the symptoms of a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases in a mammal; and
 - iii) combining of said regulator with an acceptable pharmaceutical carrier.

26. Use of a regulator of KLK5 for the regulation of KLK5 activity in a mammal having a disease comprised in a group of diseases consisting of dermatological diseases, cardiovascular diseases, endocrinological diseases, metabolic diseases, cancer, gastroenterological diseases, hematological diseases, inflammation, muscle-skeleton diseases, reproduction disorders, neurological diseases and urological diseases.
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